

Sunday 24th February 2008

3rd Sunday Of Lent

St. MARY'S

Newsletter



Sunday Worship

10.30am Parish Communion	Readings	Giles
	Drinks	Margaret A
	Communion Assistants	Carol and Penny
	Stewards	Doreen & Joan
	Light Factory	Kim, Penny
	Music	Steve

Farewell To Bishop Jack

Sunday 27th April at 6.30pm "An evening with Bishop Jack." An opportunity to celebrate his ministry with prayer and a party and thank him for his encouragement of our work at St Mary's. Here at St Marys.

National Sleep Out – March 5th

The University of Sheffield STAR Group join members of ASSIST to raise awareness of the situation of many asylum seekers forced into destitution and rough sleeping after refusal.



Not allowed to work, all support stopped, refused asylum seekers are in poor physical and mental health and in constant fear of removal from the UK. ASSIST, Sheffield provides some financial help to the most vulnerable and accommodation to a few.

If anyone would like to sponsor them (or possibly join in) please speak to Steve.

Collect For 3rd Sunday Of Lent

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Time And Space To Wonder At Whirlow

A residential or 3 separate days for anyone 9-11 years old. 11th-13th August 2008.

Includes Hands-on farming sessions, pond-dipping, craft, Godly Play, and Fischy music.

See Yo for leaflet, or ring Jenny Lambourne 01709 309144 for details.

This Week At St Marys

Parent & Toddlers	This Wednesday morning 9.30-11.30am in the hall.
Women Exploring Faith	On Thursday from 9.30am in the Parish Room. An opportunity to share fellowship and pray. Please ask Helen or Karen if you are interested in knowing more.
Faith and Life	Wednesday 8pm For anyone wanting to explore and deepen their faith. This week: A Praying People
Little Lights	Friday 1pm. A special time in church for children under five and their careers. See Karen for details.

Fairtrade Fortnight

Starts tomorrow: **25th February - 9th March**

With UK product sales doubling every two years, predicted to be over £450 million in 2007, the Fairtrade Foundation is using Fairtrade Fortnight 2008 to increase understanding about how the impact of consumer decisions can help tackle poverty in the developing world. Too many producers the world over remain at the sharp end of international trade, often forced to sell their produce for less than the cost of production.



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Similarly, too many workers in developing countries endure low wages, insecure working conditions and are often denied the right to join a trade union. Besides continuing to lobby governments to make changes to international trade rules so that they work in favour of the poorest countries, incorporating Fairtrade products in to our daily shopping routine is a way to send a powerful message to industry and eventually force the conventional players to rethink the impact of their business models.

A prayer:

God, help me to cherish the last time I treated someone justly, made a fair decision, considered someone my equal, so that I may bring justice, fairness and equality to a waiting world through products I buy.

Amen

Lena Edmondson, Guyana, Mothers' Union.

Special events in Sheffield include: A launch of two new Fairtrade books and a presentation by Alison Trezise of Sheffield Initiative for Fairtrade (SHIFT) Fairtrade refreshments will be served from 6pm. 6 March 6pm-7pm at Central Lending Library, Surrey Street.

Contact: Lesley Gunter 0114 273 4726

Spirituality And Doctor Who

An exploration of spirituality through Doctor Who

Saturday 19th April 10am – 4pm at the Wilson Carlile Campus, Sheffield.

Why is the new version of Doctor Who such a huge success, with ratings going through the roof, regular Christmas specials and episodes commissioned up to 2010? Is it the strength of the acting and writing? The state-of-the-art special effects? The family appeal? The monsters and sense of imagination? Yes, it is all of these things. But maybe the series is also touching people's need for - and understanding of - myth and spirituality. Confirmed speakers include Barry Letts, producer of Who's "Golden Era" in the early 70s. The cost for attending the day, which includes lunch, is £25. To book, please contact Wendy Evans at Wilson Carlile Campus, 50 Cavendish Street, Sheffield S3 7RZ, email w.evans@churcharmy.org.uk, telephone number: 0114 278 7020

'Onside' Event For Men

Friday 29th February 2008 @ 7.30pm, Hallamshire Suite, Sheffield Wednesday Football Stadium

Free Entry. Speaker: Grant Sharp. Bar - Quiz - Light Bites

Grant Sharp is a Sheffield man (not from the world of sport) who has a very encouraging down to earth story to tell of how when he was in the grip of alcohol and drug addiction was sought out by God and through a series of 'divine appointments' including a Benny Hill Angel, an ex 'bag lady' cum Christian sister, and a priest in Malta. He found faith and deliverance in Jesus and after training as a counsellor Grant now helps others who are themselves suffering from addictions to alcohol, drugs, etc. For further information please contact Rev Peter Allen mobile 07882131370, email prallen3@yahoo.co.uk or view ONSIDE website www.onsideevents.co.uk

The Passion On The BBC

This Easter, Jesus is going to be broadcast into 10 million homes.

'The Passion' is a dramatic BBC series retelling the death and resurrection of Christ. It's scheduled to go out at peak time, in 6 half hour slots between Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday.

Filed in Morocco and starring actors such as Joseph Mawle, James Nesbitt (Cold Feet) and David Oyelow (Spooks and The Last King of Scotland), the production is 'an extremely vivid piece of drama'.

Andrew Graystone, Director of the Churches' Media Council, goes on to say that 'this Easter the whole country will be talking about Jesus. Not about church politics or the finer points of theology, but about Jesus.'

Low Carbon Sheffield

Changing Climate, Changing Cultures

At Weston Park Museum on **Tuesday 4th March 12-3.45pm**.

A seminar bringing together community leaders, climate action champions, city policy makers and researchers with the aim of stimulating cross-sector collaboration.

"How can we bring about a climate-friendly culture in Sheffield to make it a low carbon city?"

Free. For further information and to confirm a place contact: Jon Bradley, Communities Manager: 2782686 jon.bradley@sheffieldgalleries.org.uk.

Next Sunday – Mothering Sunday

9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) in the Chapel

10.30am Family Service

People with jobs to do next Sunday: Dolly (drinks); John & Margaret I (steward); Steve (music); Jon, Yo, Giles (music)

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